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March 1, 1951

Production of shorn and pulled wool in the United States in 1951 probably will be about 260 million pounds, grease basis, or about 43 percent less than the record production in 1942, but slightly more than the quantity produced last year, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan has announced that the national average support price for 1951-crop soybeans will be \$2.45 a bushel. This price is based on 90 percent of the January 15, 1951 parity price.

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Farmers should make their plans - especially this year - with an eye to both present and future production. The farmer will be better off, the land will be built up, and the Nation stronger if he conserves his soil while producing the abundance needed for defense.

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"....Food prices have risen less than prices of some other commodity groups in the consumer price index. From June to December, 1950, food went up 5.3 percent, clothing rose 6.2 percent, and house furnishings rose 10.6 percent...." Secretary of Agriculture, Charles F. Brannan.

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Grain sorghums from the 1951 crop will be supported at 65 percent of parity, or \$1.88 per 100 pounds, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced discontinuance effective at the close of business February 28, 1951, of its program of Government guaranteed occupancy of newly constructed commercial storage space.



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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that through January 1951, farmers had put approximately 353,007,579 bushels of 1950-crop wheat, barley, oats, rye, flaxseed, soybeans, corn, and grain sorghums under Commodity Credit Corporation price support.

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For the 12 months ending June 30, 1951, the supply of nitrogen and potash for fertilizer purposes should exceed all previous records. However, the supply of superphosphates in 1950-51 will be less than in 1949-50, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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1950 loans on wheat, oats, barley, and rye mature on April 30, the Production and Marketing Administration advises.

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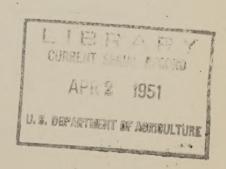
On January 1 of this year, farmers had more of most kinds of livestock on their farms than a year earlier, according to the Department of Agriculture's annual inventory.

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The protection of our soil resources is in the national interest. By sharing the cost of conservation with the farmer through the Agricultural Conservation Program, the Nation is backing up its interest.

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Since seed treatment of cereals means higher yields and larger food reserves, the Production and Marketing Administration urges added attention to this practice in advance of spring planting.



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In boosting grain production under 1951 production guides, farmers should not plow under their prospects for future increases, H. L. Manwaring, Deputy Administrator for Production PMA, recently told a farm group.

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For the first time since 1942, wool production in the United States during 1950 showed a slight increase. Total production for the year amounted to 252,535,000 pounds, of which more than 220 million pounds were shorn wool and 32.4 million pulled, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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According to studies made by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, there are many instances where improved pastures have produced as much livestock feed per acre on comparable land as high-yielding corn crops and considerably more than other grain crops.

## PMA

Home gardeners, coming out by additional thousands this spring, are reminded that the use of chemically treated seed is one of the first moves to insure a good crop, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

#### PMA

May 1st is the deadline date for signing a farm plan for participation in the 1951 agricultural conservation program.

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Prices of grass and legume seed which farmers purchased at retail in mid-February averaged lower for the United States as a whole than they were a year ago, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

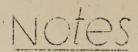


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To be eligible for assistance under the Agricultural Conservation Program, conservation practices have to be carried out according to ACP specifications. This is to assure full value in terms of results for public funds used.

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For the second successive year, the U. S. has a larger early spring lamb crop. The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports this year's crop in the principal early lamb producing states at about 2 percent above that of a year ago.

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Farmers who are considering ways and means of increasing production to meet defense needs should not overlook the possibilities of stepping up production through pasture improvement, the Production and Marketing Administration emphasizes.

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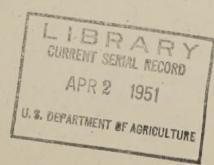
The Production and Marketing Administration of the USDA has announced that price supports on 1951 wool production will average 90 percent of the parity price of wool on March 15, 1951. The dollars—and—cents level of support will be announced about April 1.

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Over-buying of equipment or other supplies which will be necessary to meet the higher production goals for food and fiber - agriculture's part of the defense effort - could jeopardize the entire preparedness program, the Production and Marketing Administration points out.

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Dairy price supports for the year beginning April 1, at levels needed to encourage adequate milk production to meet civilian and defense requirements, were recently announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.



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Farmers in the United States realized 8 percent less net income from farming operations in 1950 than they did in 1949, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics announced.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced a price support program for 1951 crop hay, pasture, and range grass seed, designed to encourage production to meet requirements for soil conserving crops during the next few years. The program is substantially the same as the 1950 program. Price support, offered only to producers, will range from 3½ cents a pound for common Sudan seed to \$1.25 a pound for certified Ladino clover.

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The Production and Marketing Administration has announced the sale to Great Britain of 25 million pounds of dried whole eggs purchased by the Commodity Credit Corporation for price support purposes in 1950, at an average price of about 44.5 cents a pound.

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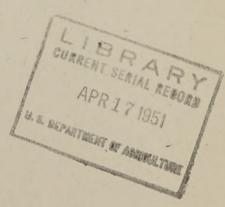
Foods listed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture as "plentiful" during the month of April include: Apples, canned applesauce, lettuce, potatoes, frozen fish, dry beans, cottage cheese, peanut butter, and honey.

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Less alfalfa seed has been verified as to its origin in the first 8 months since July 1, 1950 than in the similar period a year earlier, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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March 1 stocks of merchantable potatoes held by growers and local dealers in or near production areas were 3 percent below the record-large holdings a year ago, the Department of Agriculture reports.



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